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U.S. Turns to 'Egghead Spies'

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WASHINGTON — Uncle

Sam is turning more and more to outside brains — including egghead spies — to do it work.

This fact emerged from a recent series of hearings conducted by a House foreign affairs subcommittee. The hearings zeroed in on the \$30 million the U.S. spends each year on research related to foreign policy. Most of the "research" is conducted by private consulting firms and universities under contracts and grants.

The report on the closed hearings was released this weekend.

The increasing trend to hire outside brains even in the fields that some feel traditionally are a government monopoly came under heavy attack during the hearings chaired by Congressman Dante Fascell.

Fascell endorses the research. But at least two Republicans on his subcommittee, Reps. H. R. Gross (Iowa) and Peter H. F. Frelinghuysen (N.J.) led an assault on the program, especially now well known private study in Viet Nam.

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THE DEFENSE Department wanted to know what makes the Viet Cong tick. So it hired the Rand Corp., a non-profit firm, "to find out. Most of their work involved talking to viet Cong prisoners and deserters.

The Defense Department claimed this study led it to better psychological techniques. At the time

The federal government has hired outside experts to conduct studies on such questions as when the Viet Cong cook their supper. It is part of an increasing trend towards using outside brains to do research in the field of foreign affairs. A just-released Congressional report explores the subject.

studies were also conducted in Viet Nam by the private research firm.

Gross thinks the Defense Department hired eggheads to do the work of the CIA in Viet Nam. In general, he believes that Uncle Sam should use its own brains — already on the payroll — instead of shopping outside.

He grumbled about hiring "so-called civilian smart boys to go over and tell the military how to fight the war in Viet Nam."

Maj. Gen. John W. Vogt, director of the policy planning staff for the Defense Department, gave the committee a rundown on the results of the Viet Nam studies.

Included was information that the Viet Cong were:

Getting to the bottom of the barrel in its hunt for its volunteers. A year earlier the bulk of the Viet Cong were hard-core professionally.

Running into resentment in the villages and losing the support of the populace.

Deserting in greater numbers than ever before.

Took their women and children with them to the frontlines.

COMMENTING ON the study, Gen. Vogt said, "We get operational benefits to begin with. We learn the habits of these people. We learn when they do their cooking in the evening. This enables us to catch them in our raids when their guard is down and they are busy with the business of running the camp. We learn all their behavioral patterns in their life in the jungle. We learn also the things that will convince them they are fighting the wrong cause . . . We are beginning to find out what appeals to these people and we are getting the message across."

Vogt thinks the research gives the policy maker in Washington and in the field. "A better feel for the kind of problem he is wrestling with."

He thinks too that it pays off handsomely and emphasized that he is a "hard-nosed guy" and wouldn't authorize "one dime" for outside brains if he thought the Defense Department could do the job itself.

Besides, the Viet Cong study was really the State Department's idea, he added.

Frelinghuysen, the New Jersey Republican, attacked the Viet Cong study, on the ground that it was the "natural responsibility" of the military to interrogate prisoners.

What's more, it doesn't take a "wizard" to find out what the Rand study uncovered, he said. In fact, Frelinghuysen says even a child could have come to the same conclusions.

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GROSS was more severe in his criticism.

At one point, he said, "We are spending millions on the CIA. We are spending other millions upon the intelligence forces in the Pentagon. Every branch of service has an intelligence division. Why do we have to go out and hire consultants at a fancy price to tell us these things?"

(The Defense Department spends most of the money — \$27 million a year — on this kind of research.)

At another point, Gross complained: "The more you gentlemen from the Pentagon talk, uniformed and civilian, the more you indict your own establishment . . . you go out and hire people to tell you how to run the establishment known as the Pentagon and pay a fee to these so-called nonprofit institutions to tell you how."

In short, Gross claims the

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